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## **Sen. Allen announces SBT hearings in Traverse City**

**LANSING** – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, announces the scheduling of a Single Business Tax hearing by the joint Senate Finance Committee and House Tax Policy Committee in Traverse City next week.

“This is a wonderful chance for members of the community to share their views on the governor’s proposal to restructure the Single Business Tax with members of the Senate and House of Representatives,” Allen said. “I am thrilled that the joint committee will be in Traverse City to gather input from the northern Michigan business community.”

The first SBT hearing is scheduled from 1 to 3 pm on Monday, May 9 at the Hagerty Center, 715 E. Front St. on the Great Lakes Campus of Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow the legislators to hear from local businesses that pay the SBT and to hear their opinions on the proposed SBT and tax restructuring proposal. Even if a smaller business doesn't pay SBT, the committee would like to hear from them about other taxes, such as their Personal Property Tax.

There will be opportunity for formal testimony by the company representative or written comments may be submitted. For anyone wishing to submit formal testimony, it is requested that they bring 15-20 copies of their comments, so they can be shared with committee members not in attendance.

Later in the week members of the House Tax Policy Committee will hold another hearing in Sault Ste. Marie. The hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 13 at the Walker Cisler Student & Conference Center, 650 W. Easterday Ave.

“I heavily encourage business owners and community members to attend the forums to share their views on this proposal or to simply learn more about the issues regarding the SBT,” Allen said.

For more information concerning either of the committee hearings, contact Allen’s office toll-free at 1-866-525-5637.

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